REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 13 and 14 and the specification are amended. Support for the amendment to page 8, lines 18-22 of the specification can be found, for example, at Fig. 1. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 8, 13 and 14 can be found in the specification, for example, at Fig. 1 and the corresponding description in the specification. Support for the amendments to claims 13 and 14 can be found in the specification, for example, at page 17, line 14 to page 19, line 16. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 14 are amended responsive to the rejection. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1, 3-9, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Murata (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,659). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Murata does not teach or suggest every claimed feature of independent claims 1, 8, 13 and 14. Murata does not teach or suggest the interface allowing the terminal device access to the storing unit to read and write the various types of data when the terminal device is connected to the interface, as recited in independent claim 1; an instruction data storing unit that stores the instruction data into the storing unit of the data processing device via the interface, as recited in independent claim 8; a program of allowing the terminal device to access the data storing unit to read and write the various types of data via the interface, as recited in independent claim 13; and a program of storing the instruction data into the storing unit of the data processing device via the interface, as recited in independent claim 14.

The Office Action asserts that the memory card of Murata corresponds to the claimed storage unit (see Office Action, page 2). However, the memory card of Murata is merely an external storage from which a digital copying machine may read data (see col. 4, lines 40-45

of Murata). The memory card of Murata does not serve as an interface to allow access to a storing unit to read and write the various types of data (see col. 6, lines 40-45 of Murata). In other words, the memory card of Murata cannot write data onto a separate storage device, but only serves as an external hard disk from which data can be read (see col. 6, lines 40-45 of Murata). Therefore, Murata does not teach the claimed interface of independent claim 1; nor the claimed instruction data storing unit of independent claim 8; nor the claimed a program of allowing the terminal device to access the data storing unit of independent claim 13; nor the claimed program of storing the instruction data into the storing unit of claim 14.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, 13 and 14 are patentable over Murata. Claims 3-7 and 9 variously depend from independent claims 1 and 8. Therefore, claims 2-7 and 9 are also patentable for at least their dependency on independent claims 1 and 8, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2, 10, 12 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Murata in view of Yoneta (U.S. Patent No. 6,359,699). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Yoneta does not remedy the deficiencies of Murata. Yoneta is applied by the Office Action only for its alleged teaching of an instruction data deletion commanding unit that deletes the instruction data from the storing unit. Further, claims 2, 10, 12 and 15-18 variously depend from independent claims 1 and 8. Therefore, claims 2, 10, 12 and 15-18 are patentable over Murata and Yoneta for at least their dependency on independent claims 1 and 8, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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